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**Headline:** Detroit Bar Association Releases 2024 Judicial Candidate Ratings

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The Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee of the Detroit Bar Association has completed its rating of participating judicial candidates officially running for open seats in the courts of Wayne County for the 2024 election cycle. The Committee is comprised of 33 attorneys from the Detroit Metropolitan area who evaluated the fitness of each candidate for judicial office based upon the candidate’s legal ability (scholarship, analysis, judgment, clarity of expression), trial experience, integrity, honesty, judicial temperament, and reputation, without regard to party affiliation, race or creed. Ratings are given after review of the candidate’s completed questionnaire and/or an in-person interview conducted with an Interview Panel of the Committee. The ratings refer only to a candidate’s qualifications for the position of judge in the court that the candidate is seeking, and do not in any way refer to a candidate’s qualifications as a practicing attorney. The ratings reflect the collective opinion of the Committee and not the Detroit Bar Association as a whole. The ratings for individual candidates are set forth below.

The Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee has the following categories of ratings: **Outstanding, Well Qualified, Qualified, Not Qualified** or **No Rating/Did not Participate**. Ratings were provided only to those who actively participated. The standards for ratings can be found at [Judicial Candidate Ratings Guide](#)

Candidate Name	Candidate Rating
<b>3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (18) POSITIONS</b>	
Annette J. Berry (I)	Outstanding
Lawrence Elassal (I)	Well Qualified
Edward Ewell, Jr (I)	Outstanding
Kathleen Marie McCarthy (I)	Outstanding
Remaining 14 Candidates	No Rating Or Did Not Participate
<b>3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT INCUMBENT - PARTIAL TERM ENDING 01/01/2027 (2) POSITIONS</b>	
Bradley Cobb (I)	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Nicole N. Goodson (I)	No Rating/Did Not Participate
<b>3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Nicole Leighanne Castka	Well Qualified
John Larkin	Well Qualified
Adrienne G. Scruggs	Well Qualified
<b>36TH DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (2) POSITIONS</b>	
Andrea Bradley-Baskin	Outstanding
William Burton, Jr.	Qualified

Khalilia Davis	Not Qualified * Note: Not currently on the ballot
Malaika Ramsey-Heath	Well Qualified
<b>35TH DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Joe Barone	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Michael Woodyard	Well Qualified
<b>34TH DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Todd L. Barron	Qualified
Robert P. Coutts	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Teresa Patton	Well Qualified
<b>23RD DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Victoria I. Shackelford (I)	Outstanding
Michael I. Tinney	Well Qualified
<b>18TH DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Michael McNamara	No Rating/Did Not Participate
<b>16TH DISTRICT JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (1) POSITION</b>	
Jim Jolly	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Robin Persiconi	No Rating/Did Not Participate
<b>WAYNE JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT NON-INCUMBENT - 6 YEAR TERM (2) POSITIONS</b>	
Todd E. Briggs	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Macie Gaines	Outstanding
Ron L. Haywood	No Rating/Did Not Participate
Daniel L. Mercier	No Rating/Did Not Participate

**About the Detroit Bar Association:** The Detroit Bar Association is a membership organization of attorneys, judges and industry partners. It is the oldest Bar Association in Michigan and the second oldest in the country and serves Detroit's legal community through networking, practice development and community service. For more information contact: Executive Director Tracey Cooley, [tcooley@detroitlawyer.org](mailto:tcooley@detroitlawyer.org), 734.969.5681, [www.detroitlawyer.org](http://www.detroitlawyer.org).

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